

REMARKS

In first portion of the Office Action, the Examiner suggested changing the term "fluoropolymer" at page 11, line 1 of the specification to "fluoropolymer" and the phrase "effect of laser radiation" in Claim 1 to "applying laser radiation." Accordingly, the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 1 and Claim 1 have been amended to make the suggested changes. Applicants also have amended "Application of" in Claim 1, part (b) to recite "Applying." No new matter has been added by these amendments.

In the second portion of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to Claim 8 because of the claim language "fluoropolymer." Accordingly, Claim 8 has been amended to change the language to "fluoropolymer." No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is requested.

In the third portion of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 2, 3 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, Claims 2, 3 and 12 have been amended to delete the preferred ranges. In addition, Claim 11 likewise was amended. Applicants also have added dependent Claims 14-17 containing the deleted ranges. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is requested.

In the third portion of the Office Action, the Examiner also rejected Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Accordingly, Claim 7 has been amended to remove the grounds for rejection listed by the Examiner. Specifically, "disperging supporting agent" has been rewritten as "dispersing agent." No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is requested.

In the fourth portion of the Office Action, the Examiner allowed Claims 1, 4-6, 9-11 and 13 and stated that Claims 2, 3, 7, 8 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome

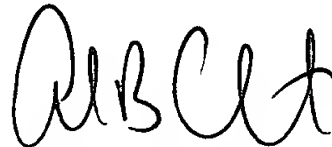
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the instant objections. By amendment of Claims 2, 3, 7, 8 and 12, applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any still outstanding matters. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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